

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

YOUNG, C.W. Bill (Republican)
Representative, 10th District, Florida
Elected 1970 to 92nd Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Harmarville, Pennsylvania - 16 December 1930

Home: Indian Rocks Beach, Florida

Marital status: Married (Beverly) - 3 children

Religion: Methodist

Education: Attended High School

Military: Army National Guard, 1948-57; discharged as MSgt

Profession: Insurance Executive

Political: Florida Senate, 1960-70, minority leader, 1967-71; succeeded former boss Rep Wm Cramer (R) who ran unsuccessfully for the US Senate. Represented the 6th, the 8th, and 10th Districts. Unopposed in 1998 general election. Reelected in 2000 with 76% of the vote and ran unopposed in 2002 .

Rep Young, a conservative, is a B-1 supporter and member of the Stealth Caucus. In 106th Congress became chairman of Appropriations Cmte. During floor debate on the FY99 emergency supplemental, rebutted disagreement about additional readiness funding by noting ACC Commander Gen Hawley's reported remarks on depleted stocks of missiles and other weapons effecting the ability to deal with another major regional contingency. (CR, 6May99) Called himself a long-time F-22 supporter but said the Air Force needed well-paid pilots, spare parts and refurbished jets more than it needed the F-22. (NY Times, 17Jul 99) Eight weeks later caved to GOP pressure and reversed his rejection of the F-22; said "it would be crazy to start with a new airplane because we've gotten so far with the F-22." (San Diego union-Tribune, 27 Sept 1999) Added \$70 million for "emergency" land acquisition in Florida to the FY 01 milcon appns bill. Expressed concern about patient care at Bethesda Naval Hospital, and military health care in general. Co-wrote 19 Sept 2000 Washington Times article concerning military readiness. Urged support for a supplemental which the Sec/Def said was essential to avoid damaging force readiness, capabilities, and troop morale. Opposed an across-the-board reduction in discretionary spending. During debate on the FY 00 DoD Appns bill, noted that the conferees faced a 13-year reduction in the investment in national defense and the continued excessive deployments in all parts of the world such as the most recent example, Kosovo. Concluded that today without the C-17, there is no way we could be doing in the Kosovo region what we are doing. (CR, 5/6/99)

In the 107th Congress, secured \$18 million for a Army reserve training center, which house 8 Black Hawk helicopters. Secured \$45 mil for a Reserve center in 2001. Advocate for tanker and AWACS replacements. Called for returning some F-16s to MacDill AFB after a teenager sympathetic to Osama bin Laden flew a Cessna over the base and crashed into a hi-rise building.

Additional: Former HASC member, resigned 20Dec73. Had SR-71 orientation flight.

Foremost advocate of Pentagon funding for bone marrow research. After his advocacy, found out his daughter had leukemia which required a marrow transplant.

AF Bases: None

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